

Public Notice

A public hearing will be held March 25, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, Elgin, Oregon to discuss Community Development Goals, as they relate to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grants. The proposed application recommended by the Citizens Community Development Committee will be discussed. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Public Hearing Set for Mar. 25

Citizens Urged to Attend, Hear Plans, State Views

The City of Elgin is preparing an application to be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a community development block grant as established by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law #93-383 effective January 1, 1975. The primary objectives of the grant program is the development of viable urban communities and furthering the development of a National Urban growth policy. Specific Objectives include:

- 1) Elimination of slums and blight
- 2) Elimination of conditions harmful to health safety and public welfare.
- 3) Conservation and expansion of the housing stock.
- 4) Expansion and improvement of community services.
- 5) More rational use of land and other natural resources.
- 6) The development of neighborhoods available and attractive to diverse income groups.
- 7) Restoration and preservation of properties with historical, architectural, or other special value.

Eligible Activities include:

- 1) Acquisitions
 - Blighted and otherwise eligible properties
 - Properties for rehabilitation or conservation
 - Preservation (as Historic sites)
 - Public works and facilities of an eligible type (see 2)
 - Conversion of land to other uses
- 2) Construction, reconstruction and installation of public works, neighborhood facilities, and site or other improvements.
- 3) Code enforcement in designated areas.

- 4) Clearance, demolition, removal and rehabilitation of buildings needed to support other activities.
- 5) Special improvements for the elderly and handicapped.
- 6) Disposition of acquired land (proceeds to be folded back into the program).
- 7) Public services and facilities for employment, economic development, child care, health, etc. (software, limited to 20 percent of total program).
- 8) Relocation payments under uniform relocation act.
- 9) Preparation of a community development act.
- 10) Administration of planning and execution of CD and housing activities. Assistance Plan.
- 11) Other
 - a) Loss of rental income
 - b) Local share of categorical grant in aid programs.
 - c) Completion of old Urban renewal projects
- 12) Matching funds for other federal programs.

Two point five million has been designated for non-metropolitan Oregon, under the Hud Block Grant Program.

In order to qualify for these block grants, a community must:

- 1) Provide for citizen participation.
- 2) Prepare a Community Development Plan and Program.
- 3) Prepare a Housing Assistance Plan.
- 4) Prepare a Community Development Budget.
- 5) Prepare certifications required by the Act.
- 6) Provide for environmental assessment.

In order to encourage citizen

participation in the development of the Grant Application, a public hearing was held on March 11, 1975. The purpose of the public hearing was to formulate a citizen participation program. At this public hearing, the general requirements and opportunities for citizen participation was explained. A Citizen's Community development Committee comprised of the City Council with Mayor Warner Stein as Chairman was appointed. There were no other interested citizens at the hearing. This committee has reviewed the Block Grant Program and the various eligible projects in terms of the City's present community needs. The Committee has decided to recommend for public consideration that a single development activity be applied for for Fiscal Year, 1975. The committee proposed to apply for approximately \$160,000 to be used for the Water System Improvement Project which is presently under construction. The committee also recommends that a community development program be developed for the future. Future community development programs may include improvement of streets, sidewalks, and curbs, storm sewers, City Parks and picnic areas, dog and litter control

A public hearing will be held on March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall to discuss the recommendations of the Citizens Community Development Committee. The City's Engineers will be present to provide technical assistance and answer questions concerning the grant program. The public is encouraged to participate in this hearing.

Mayor Warner Stein